

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendments/remarks filed 09/18/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-27.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Frank Nicholas and Paul Hletko on 11/16/2007.

The claims have been amended as follows:

Claim 1:

A method in a data processing system for providing a user of the data processing system with control of a software object organized into a plurality of information levels of varying amounts of information, the method comprising:

initially displaying a first display window having a first window size, wherein the first display window includes;

a first level tab navigation frame for allowing the user interactive access to a first information level of the plurality of information levels, and

a first window-sizing interface for allowing the user interactive access to a second window having a second window size,

wherein the second display window includes a second level tab navigation frame for allowing the user interactive access to a second information level of the plurality of information levels;

determining whether the direction of a presentation of the navigation frame is optimized to accommodate the changes to the information level within the display windows; and

displaying the second display window subsequent to the initial display of the first display window in response to the user interacting with the first window-sizing interface and based on whether the direction of the presentation is optimized.

Claim 10:

A computer readable medium containing thereon program code which, when executed on a computer system provides a user of a data processing system with control of a software object organized into a plurality of information levels of varying amounts of information, the computer readable medium comprising:

computer readable code for initially displaying a first display window having a first window size, wherein the first display window includes;

a first level tab navigation frame for allowing the user interactive access to a first information level of the plurality of information levels, and

a first window-sizing interface for allowing the user interactive access to a second window having a second window size,

wherein the second display window includes a second level tab navigation frame for allowing the user interactive access to a second information level of the plurality of information levels;

computer readable code for determining whether the direction of a presentation of the navigation frame is optimized to accommodate the changes to the information level within the display windows; and

computer readable code for displaying the second display window subsequent to the initial display of the first display window in response to the user interacting with the first window-sizing interface and based on whether the direction of the presentation is optimized.

Claim 19:

A system for providing a user of a data processing system with control of a software object organized into a plurality of information levels of varying amounts of information, the system comprising:

means for initially displaying a first display window having a first window size, wherein the first display window includes;

a first level tab navigation frame for allowing the user interactive access to a first information level of the plurality of information levels, and

a first window-sizing interface for allowing the user interactive access to a second window having a second window size,

wherein the second display window includes a second level tab navigation frame for allowing the user interactive access to a second information level of the plurality of information levels;

means for determining whether the direction of a presentation of the navigation frame is optimized to accommodate the changes to the information level within the display windows; and

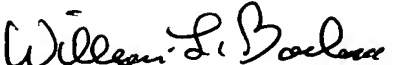
means for displaying the second display window subsequent to the initial display of the first display window in response to the user interacting with the first window-sizing interface and based on whether the direction of the presentation is optimized.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrea N. Long whose telephone number is 571-270-1055. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thurs 6:00 am to 3:00 pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doug Hutton can be reached on 571-272-4137. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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